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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FISCHER et al.

Application No.: 09/840,743

Filed: April 23, 2001

For: NUCLEIC ACIDS THAT
CONTROL PLANT DEVELOPMENT

Examiner: KUBELIK, Anne R.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1638

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time for responding to the Office Action for three months from March 26, 2003, to June 26, 2003, is filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.